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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Okawa et al :
Application No. :
Filed: April 6, 2001 :
For: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND :
METHOD FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL: :
SERIAL DATA AT BUS :
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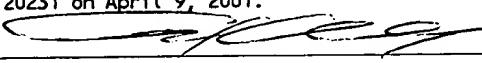
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Sir:

This is a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of April 6, 2001, which is the date the application was deposited with the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) with proper postage.

Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT A is an Affidavit of Megan Doktor, the clerk who hand-delivered the envelope to the U.S.P.S. before the close of business on April 6, 2001. Also submitted herewith as EXHIBIT B is an Affidavit of Phyllis Kelly, Manager of U.S. Patent and Trademark Administration. These affidavits set forth when the discrepancy was discovered

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and establish that this petition is being filed promptly thereafter. The Affidavit of Ms. Doktor includes the Express Mail log containing the entry of the Express Mail label and the date and time the envelope was delivered to the U.S.P.S.

Submitted herewith as EXHIBIT C is a true copy of the first page of the correspondence which was filed, showing both the date on which the correspondence was mailed as Express Mail Label No. EL756209292US and that the number of the Express Mail was placed thereon prior to mailing.

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The petition fee in the amount of \$130 or any fee deficiency should be charged to applicant's attorneys' deposit account no. 12-1095.

It is believed that more than sufficient evidence has been provided to establish that the mailing date was incorrectly entered on the Express Mail label by the U.S.P.S., and that such evidence is corroborated from the U.S.P.S. within one business day of the actual deposit. It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the above application be accorded a filing date of April 6, 2001, the date of mailing by Express Mail.

Respectfully submitted,

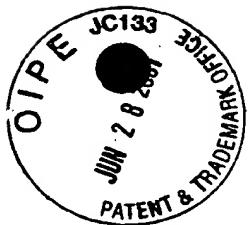
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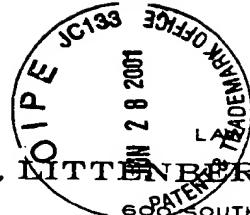
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SERIAL DATA AT BUS INITIALIZATION PHASE IN INTERFACE UNIT

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States:

1	Pages of Abstract	Unexecuted Declaration (executed Declaration to follow)
49	Pages of Specification	One (1) return-addressed postcard
5	Number of Claims	<u>PLEASE PROVIDE FILING DATE AND SERIAL NUMBER</u>
25	Sheets of Drawings	

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ONVENTION DATE: April 7, 2000 for Japanese Appn. S.N. P2000-107065 is claimed.

Priority Document: Enclosed Will follow

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